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SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY ON CLOSE HOLD BASES OF POSSIBLE REFUELING STOP IN AZORES BY SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT.
2. SOARES LEAVES ON TRIP TO EC COUNTRIES FEB 14 AND RETURNS FEB 21. THUS, IT WOULD APPEAR LESS LIKELY THAT SOARES OR FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD SEEK TO MEET WITH SECRETARY IN AZORES, ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY STILL THERE.
3. DEPARTMENT WILL BE AWARE OF SPECIAL SENSITIVITIES CREATED BY NEWLY ACQUIRED AUTONOMOUS POLITICAL STATUS OF AZORES AND FORTHCOMING LAJES BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC FOR THE AZORES GEN. GALVAO DE
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FIGUEIREDO MAY FEEL CALLED UPON OR BE INSTRUCTED TO GREET THE SECRETARY AT LAJES. THIS WOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM FOR THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SINCE FIGUEIREDO IS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE. IF, HOWEVER, AZORES REGIONAL PRESIDENT MOTA AMARAL SHOULD WISH TO GREET THE SECRETARY WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF FIGUEIREDO, LISBON WOULD BE UPSET. THE SAME WOULD

APPLY IN THE CASE OF AZORES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
PRESIDENT MONJARDINO. IF QUESTION ARISES, WE WILL
DISCOURAGE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS FROM PRESENTING
THEMSELVES. OTHERWISE THE ONLY LIKELY PORTUGUESE
REPRESENTATIVES AT LAJES WOULD BE THE AIR ZONE
AND AIR BASE COMMANDERS.
CARLUCCI

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